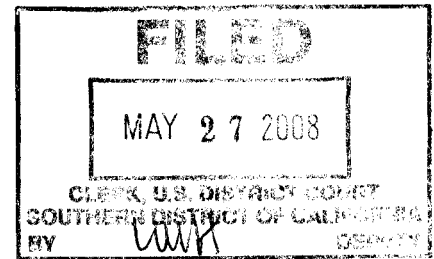


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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
12)
Plaintiff,)
13)
v.)
14)
ERNESTO ARTURO TORRES,)
15)
Defendant.)
16)

Magistrate Case No. 08MJ1350

**STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT
MOTION FOR RELEASE OF
MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND
ORDER THEREON**

(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)

17 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES
18 OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and Caleb E.
19 Mason, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant ERNESTO ARTURO TORRES, by and
20 through and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, Sara M. Peloquin, Federal Defenders
21 of San Diego, Inc., that:

22 1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing
23 date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly,
24 intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead
25 guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count
26 of Bringing in Aliens Without Presentation and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C.
27 § 1324(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

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(Matwitt on bond)

1 2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4 3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or
5 before **June 11, 2008**.

6 4. The material witness, Berta Elisa Garcia-Gonzalez, in this case:

7 a. Is an alien with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

8 b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about
9 April 29, 2008;

10 c. Was found in a vehicle driven by defendant at the Otay Mesa, California, Port
11 of Entry (POE), and that defendant knew or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that she was an
12 alien with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

13 d. Was paying or having others pay on her behalf \$3,000-\$4,000 to others to be
14 brought into the United States illegally and/or transported illegally to her destination therein; and,

15 e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland
16 Security for return to her country of origin.

17 5. After the material witness is ordered released by the Court pursuant to this stipulation
18 and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any reason, or
19 thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding,
20 including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

21 a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as
22 substantive evidence;

23 b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents
24 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such
25 testimony shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements
26 against interest of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

27 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),
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1 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted
2 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant
3 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

4 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has
5 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies
6 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense
7 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.


8 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the
9 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of
10 Homeland Security for return to her country of origin.

11 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.


12 Respectfully submitted,

13 KAREN P. HEWITT
14 United States Attorney

15 Dated: 5/27/08


16 CALEB E. MASON
Assistant United States Attorney

17 Dated: 5/16/08


18 SARA M. PELOQUIN
19 Defense Counsel for
ERNESTO ARTURO TORRES

20 Dated: 5/16/08


21 ERNESTO ARTURO TORRES
22 Defendant

ORDER

Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,

THE STIPULATION is admitted into evidence, and,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to her country of origin.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: 5/27/08.


United States Magistrate Judge